

The
Monterey
Vineyard®



VINTAGE 1979

MONTEREY COUNTY

SOFT WHITE RIESLING

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY THE MONTEREY VINEYARD • B.W. 4674
GONZALES, MONTEREY COUNTY, CA. USA • ALCOHOL 9.7% BY VOL.



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This Soft White Riesling wine represents a departure from California tradition towards the old German tradition. As such it is especially low in alcohol content, yet full of flavor and richness. We produced this wine from heavily Botrytis affected grapes, picked on October 15, 1979. The result of slow ripening with Botrytis "Edelfäule" on the individual grape berries is a medium sweet wine with intensified White Riesling varietal character, and complexing that is the honey-like taste of Botrytis. The grapes were harvested at 23.4% by weight natural sugar and the wine was bottled at 4.75% by weight residual sugar. It is ideal as an aperitif but can be used equally well as an after dinner wine.

The wines of The Monterey Vineyard are characterized by a unique freshness and fruitiness, and a varietal intensity found only in grapes grown in cooler climates. Their emphatic natural character is captured by the vines reaching deep into the crumbled granite slopes of Upper Monterey County. Warm sunshine and cool breezes from Monterey Bay do the rest.